United States v. Harshaw Chemical Company - Close of Action

James O. McDonald, Director Enforcement Division

Stanley Legro
Assistant Administrator for Enforcement (EN-329)



Enclosed please find a Settlement Agreement and Modified Consent Decree entered in United States v. Harshaw Chemical Company, Case No. C-72-214 (USDC ND Ohio) on March 4, 1977. A Petition was filed on August 30, 1976, seeking to find Harshaw in contempt, for violations of the original Consent Decree between the parties. The latter decree was entered in 1972. Settlement was reached as follows:

- 1) Modification of the Consent Decree;
 - a) Initial Effluent Limitations extended until July 1, 1977;
 - b) Diversion of Harshaw's discharges from the Black River to the City of Elyria municipal treatment system by July 1, 1977.
- 2) Payment of Seventeen Thousand Five-Hundred (\$17,500.00) dollars by Harshaw to the United States for past Consent Decree violations.

The above sum has been received and deposited in Miscellaneous Fines, Account No. 681099. The U.S. Attorney for the Northern District of Ohio has filed a stipulation with the Court dismissing our Petition, with prejudice, and has closed his file on this matter.

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James O. McDonald

Enclosure

cc: Jeffrey G. Miller
Deputy Assistant Administrator for Water Enforcement
Enforcement Division (EN-335)

J. Brian Molley, Director Enforcement Division (EN-338)

John C. Golueke Compliance Branch Office of Water Enforcement (EN-338) Liz Kroop, Attorney Advisor Legal Branch Enforcement Division (EH-338)

bcc: Bryson
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Leder
Stein

RE: Harshaw Chemical Co. Case No. C 72-214 \$17,500.00

I herely certify that I have received the above mentioned

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__and responsible for it's handling

from this day forward. '

MARY PAVEX FINANCIAL MANAGEMENT



UNITED STATES **ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY** REGION V

230 SOUTH DEARHORN ST. CHICAGO, ILLINOIS 60604



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Financial Management Section

Attn: Collection Officer

FROM:

Enforcement Division

SUBJECT:

Check in settlement of a civil penalty case under

the Federal Water Pollution Control Act, as amended.

Complaint: Case No. C 72-214

Firm: Harshaw Chemical Co.

Amount: \$17,500.00

Please deposit this check in Miscellaneous Fines, Account No. 681099.

Regional Hearing Clerk



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THE HARSHAW CHEMICAL COMPANY A KOWANGO INDUSTRY

P.O. BOX 591, BRYN MAWH, PA. 19010

No. 100157

TO: PHILADELPHIA NATIONAL BANK PHILADELPHIA, PA.

Amount of Chesis \$ ****17,500.

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AUTHORIST J BRIDATURE

Treasurer of The United States of America

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Certified Mail
Receipt No. 390425
(Return receipt requested)

March 4, 1977

Mr. James McDonald
Director
Enforcement Division
U.S. Environmental Protection Agency
Region V
230 South Dearborn Street
Chicago, Illinois 60604

Attention: Mr. Sanford M. Stein,

Attorney, Enforcement Div.

Re: United States v. Harshaw Chemical Company Case No. C 72-214 (USDC ND Ohio)

Dear Sirs:

Enclosed please find the following:

- (1) an executed certified true copy of the settlement agreement in the above-captioned matter;
- (2) an executed certified true copy of the Modified Consent Decree; and
- (3) Check No. 100137 from The Harshaw Chemical Company payable to the Treasurer of the United States of America in the sum of \$17,500.00, as called for in the settlement agreement.

This check is being mailed to you by certified mail for your placement into the proper fund provided for this type of action.

We will now file a stipulation with the Court, dismissing our action, with prejudice, as called for in the settlement agreement. We will then close our file on this matter.

Very truly yours,

FREDERICE H. COLEMAN

United States Attorney

Encls

cc: Alfred T. Chiorzi, Chief
Pollution Control Sec.,
Land & Maturalization Resources Div., Dept. of
Justice,
Attent. John Closen

Atten: Joan Clooman, Attorney

(w/cert.true cyp of Encla 1 & 2)

By: Joseph A. Cipollone
Assistant U.S. Attorney

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IN THE UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT CLEAR OF STATES OF S

UNITED	STATES OF	AMERICA,	CIVIL ACTION NO.	C72-214
		Plaintiff)	HON. JUDGE W. K.	THOMAS
	v.			
HARSHAW	CHEMICAL	COMPANY,	MODIFIED CONSENT	DECREE
		Defendant.)		

In this case, the Court finds that:

The Complaint having been filed herein on March 2, 1972, and with plaintiff and defendant by their respective attorneys having consented, without trial of any issue of fact or law herein, prior to the entry of this Modified Consent Decree, and without this Modified Consent Decree constituting any evidence or admission by any party hereto with respect to any issue of fact or law herein:

NOW, THEREFORE, before the taking of any testimony, upon the pleadings and upon consent of the parties hereto, and without adjudication of any issue of fact or law, it is Ordered, Adjudged and Decreed as follows:

Ι

This Court has jurisdiction of the subject matter herein and of the parties consenting hereto under Section 1345 of Title 28,

United States Code. The Complaint states a claim upon which relief may be granted against the defendant under Title 33 United States Code, Section 407.

II

Rewanee Incustries Inc. and is a corporation licensed to do business in the State of Ohio and is engaged in doing business at Elyria, Ohio, within this Eastern Division of the Northern District of Ohio.

III

facility at Elyria, Ohio, which is engaged in producing chemical products.

IV

Definitions

As used in this decree:

- of all daily concentrations determined during the month. For those parameters monitored as a series of discrete grab samples taken at regular intervals throughout a day and analyzed separately, the daily concentration shall be the average of the concentrations of the discrete grab samples taken on any one day.
- B. "Daily maximum concentration" shall mean the highest concentration appearing in any composite sample or in any average of discrete grab samples taken during any day of the month.

- C. "Company" shall mean The Harshaw Chemical Company.
- D. "Discharge" shall mean any flow of liquids or solids from the Company's Elyria, Ohio, facility into the navigable waters of the United States directly or via the sewerage system of the City of Elyria.
- E. "Regional Administrator" shall mean the Regional Administrator for Region V of the Environmental Protection Agency, his successor, or his authorized representative.
- F. "Concentration" shall mean the weight of any given material present in a unit volume of liquid and shall be expressed in units of milligrams per liter (mg/l).
- G. "24 hour composite" shall mean a composite sample made up of at least six increments taken at regular intervals throughout the 24 hour period.
- H. "Daily average loading" shall mean the numerical average of the daily loadings determined over the days analyses were made during a calendar month.
- . I. "Daily maximum loading" shall mean the highest loading occurring on any day of the month.
- J. "Loading" shall mean the weight, expressed in pounds or kilograms, of a constituent in the Company's discharge.

The provisions of this Decree shall apply to all discharges from the defendant's Elyria facility which flow to the Black River and the City of Elyria Sewerage System.

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Initial Effluent Limitations

It is recognized that the initial effluent limitations set forth in Table I may not be achieved by the Company in all instances. However, during the period from the date hereof until July 1, 1977, with respect to discharges to the Black River, the Company agrees to achieve the initial effluent limitations set forth in Table I 95% of the time and during the remaining 5% of the time the Company agrees that its discharges shall not exceed the highest effluent level recorded for each parameter reported to the United States EPA during the period of 48 months immediately preceding the date hereof.

Subject to the provisions of the preceding paragraph, the Company further agrees that from the effective date hereof until July 1, 1977, the effluent limitations and monitoring requirements in Table I shall apply to all discharges to the Black River of other than non-contact cooling water.

Beginning on the effective date of this Decree, and until diversion to the Elyria sewer system as required in

TABLE I

INITIAL EFFLUENT LIMITATIONS
AND HONITERING PROGRAM

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<u>Constituen</u> t	Daily Average on Monthly Basis mg/i	Daily Maximum mo/l	Type Sample	Measuring Frequency	Daily A kg/day (Daily M kc/day (
Ammonia-N	250	500	24 hr comp	Weekly	454	(1000)	903	(2000)
Cadmium (Total)	. 1	3	24 hr comp	Weekly	1.8	(4.0)	5.5	(12.0)
Chromium (Total)	2 '	6	24 hr comp	Weekly	3.6	(3.0)	10.9	(24.0)
Copper (Total)	3	9	24 hr comp	Neckly	5.5	(12.0)	16.4	(36.0)
Loud (Total)	1	3	24 hr comp	Weekly	1.8	(4.0)	5.5	(12.0)
Nickel (Total)	2	6	24 hr comp	Weekly	.3.6	(8.0)	10.9	(24.0)
Mercury (Total)	.004	.012	24 hr comp	Weekly	0.009	(0.02)	0.03	(0.05)
Zinc (Tetal)	2	6	24 hr comp	Weekly	3.6	(8.0	10.9	(24.0)
Suspended Solids (Total)	400	800	24 hr comp	~ Weekly	727	(1600)	1454	(3200)
Gil and Grease	10	20	1 grab/24 h	nr Weekly	18.2	(40.0)	36.4	(80.0)
pH (Standard Units)	4 - 12		6 measures/ 24 h				- -	·
Temperature	. 	·	6 measures/ 24 h	•	·			
Flow			6 measures, 24 l	ir ·	•			
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paragraph VII is accomplished, the Company shall monitor the non-contact cooling water discharges to the Black River, and the discharges from the City of Elyria sewerage system overflow located at Obitts Chemical Company.

The Company will exercise due diligence to obtain the repair and/or modification of its flow monitoring equipment to make it operational, and at all times when such equipment is operational the Company shall continuously monitor the flow and pH of all discharges limited in Table I.

VII

Treatment facilities to comply with the provisions of paragraph XI will be constructed and made operational in accordance with the following schedule:

Completion of final plans by January 2, 1977
Initiation of construction by February 1, 1977
Report of progress by March 1, 1977
Report of progress by May 1, 1977
Report of progress by June 1, 1977
Completion of construction and diversion to
Elyria sewer system by July 1, 1977
Obtain operational level by August 15, 1977

VIII

The progress reports identified in the foregoing schedule of compliance will be submitted to the agencies listed

below and will indicate compliance or non-compliance with the schedule. In the event of non-compliance, the report shall include the cause of noncompliance, any remedial actions taken, and the probability of meeting the next scheduled requirements.

United States Environmental Protection Agency Region V, Enforcement Division 230 South Dearborn Street Chicago, Illinois 60604 Attention: Chief, Compliance Section

Ohio Environmental Protection Agency Northeast District Office 2110 East Aurora Road Twinsburg, Ohio 44087

IX

Monitoring results obtained during the previous three months shall be summarized and reported on a Discharge Monitoring Report Form (EPA No. 3320-1), postmarked no later than the 28th day of the month following the completed reporting period. The first report under this Modified Consent Decree is due for the period ending March 31, 1977. Duplicate signed copies of these, and all other reports required herein, shall be submitted to the Regional Administrator and the State at the following addresses:

United States Environmental Protection Agency Region V, Enforcement Division 230 South Dearborn Street Chicago, Illinois 60604 Attention: Chief, Compliance Section

Ohio Environmental Protection Agency Northeast District Office 2110 East Aurora Road Twinsburg, Ohio 44087 Menever necessary to verify compliance with the provisions of this Decree, the Regional Administrator or his authorized representative, upon presentation of his credentials, shall have a right of entry to upon and through the Company's manufacturing facility; and may at reasonable times have access to and copy any records, inspect any monitoring equipment or method required to be kept under this Decree, and sample any discharge by the Company. This paragraph shall not be construed in derogation of any authority of the Regional Administrator or his authorized representative pursuant to any other provision of law and regulations.

X

On and after August 15, 1977, all discharges by the Company to the City of Elyria sewerage system shall meet the requirements of the City of Elyria's Ordinance No. 73-18 as presently in force or as hereafter amended or superseded and pretreatment standards promulgated pursuant to Section 307(b) of the Federal Water Pollution Control Act, as Amended (33 U.S.C. § 1317(b)).

XI

All sampling and analyses shall be performed according to either Methods for Chemical Analysis of Water and Wastes, April 1971, Environmental Protection Agency, Water Quality Office, Analytical Quality Control Laboratory, 1014 Broadway, Cincinnati, Ohio, 45202, or to the Standard Methods for the Analysis of Water and Wastewater, 13th Edition, 1971, American Public Health Association, New York, New York 10019, or subsequent revisions thereof.

Should the Company be delayed in the commencement or completion of the construction of any of the waste treatment facilities to comply with the provisions of this Decree, without fault of the Company, and by circumstances beyond its control, the Company may apply to this Court and upon a satisfactory showing, the time fixed for completion may be extended by this Court for a period equivalent to the time lost by reason for such delay.

XIII

The Company shall make no discharge or deposit of sludge or other byproducts of waste treatment facilities from its Elyria facility into the Black River but shall dispose of such materials in such a place and manner that neither the materials nor any runoff therefrom will enter the Black River.

XIV

This Decree is not and shall not be construed to be a National Pollutant Discharge Elimination System Permit. This Decree shall in no way relieve the Company of its obligation to comply with any other local, State or Federal requirements in any way related to the subject matter of this Decree, nor authorize any other discharge from the Company prohibited by law, including without limitation the provisions of the Federal Water Pollution Control Act as it may be amended from time to time.

The provisions of the Decree shall apply to and be binding upon the parties to this action, their officers, agents, servants, employees, successors and assigns, and upon all those in active concert or participation with them who receive actual Notice of this Decree by personal service or otherwise.

XVI

Either party may apply for cause (including but not limited to changes in any regulatory standards and/or limitations which would apply but for this Decree) to this Court for further orders and directions as may be appropriate.

XVII

This Decree shall remain effective and in full force only until 180 (one hundred eighty) days from the date on which all actions required in paragraph VII are achieved.

United States District Judge

APPROVED AND CONSENTED TO:

THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA,

Plaintiff

Stickenckin Evland

Frederick M. Coleman United States Attorney Northern District of Ohio

Joseph A. Cipolkohe
Assistant United States Attorney
Northern District of Ohio

THE HARSHAW CHEMICAL COMPANY,

Defendant

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Jones, Day, Reavis & Pogue 1700 Union Commerce Building Cleveland, Ohio 44115 Attorney for Defendant

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IN THE UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT OF OHIO CLEVELAND EASTERN DIVISION

CASE NO. C72-214

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA,

THE HON. W. K. THOMAS

Plaintiff

SETTLEMENT AGREEMENT AND MOTION TO DISMISS REQUEST FOR ENTRY OF ORDER TO SHOW CAUSE AND ORDER HOLDING RESPONDENT IN CONTEMPT FOR FAILURE TO COMPLY WITH CONSENT DECREE

HARSHAW CHEMICAL COMPANY,

Defendant

Plaintiff, the United States of America, for and on behalf of the Administrator of the Environmental Protection Agency, by Federick M. Coleman, United States Attorney for the Northern District of Ohio, by Joseph A. Cipollone, Assistant United States Attorney, and Defendant, The Harshaw Chemical Company do hereby stipulate and agree as follows:

- 1. That Defendant will pay to Plaintiff the sum of Seventeen Thousand Five Hundred (\$17,500) Dollars in full and complete settlement of any and all claims Plaintiff may now have or may hereafter claim to have, arising out of or connected with the Consent Decree in this case filed on February 27, 1974, including those claims set forth in Plaintiff's Motion, filed on August 30, 1976, for Entry of an Order to Show Cause and Order holding Defendant in Contempt for Failure to Comply with the Consent Decree, and the documents attached thereto.
- 2. Plaintiff will dismiss with prejudice its motion, title: on August 30, 1976, for Entry of an Order to Show Cause in Certer holding Defendant in Contempt for Failure to comply the Consent Decree.

- Th parties will execute the diffied Consent Decree attached hereto as Exhibit A, and will seek the Court's approval of said Modified Consent Decree in accordance with the rules of the Court simultaneously with this Settlement Agreement.
 - 4. This Settlement Agreement is contingent upon the Court's approval of Exhibit A and shall become effective on the date the Court signs Exhibit A.
 - This Settlement Agreement shall not preclude Plaintiff from taking appropriate legal action against Defendant for any violations of 33 U.S.C. 1251 arising after the effective date hereof or any future violations of Exhibit A.

United States District Judge

APPROVED AND CONSENTED TO:

The United States of America,

Plaintiff

United States Attorney, Northern District of Ohio, Eastern Division

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The Harshaw Chemical Company

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